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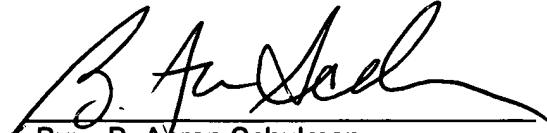
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- (1) if no payment or an insufficient payment is enclosed and a fee is due in connection herewith; or
- (2) if no petition for extension of time is enclosed but an EOT is required - and in this event, applicant hereby petitions under 37 CFR 1.136(a) for an extension of time of as many months as are required to render this submission timely.

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AMENDMENT

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Honorable Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 1, 2004,
Applicants respectfully submit the following amendment.

Amendments to the claims are set forth in **Attachment A** which begins at page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/arguments are set forth in **Attachment B** which begins at page 5 of this paper.

The application has now been placed in condition for allowance for reasons as set forth in the attached remarks.

Respectfully submitted

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